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Lord Privy-Seal,

In Answer to his GRACE the DUKE of *ORMOND'S* Letter of *November* the 12*th*. 1681.

About his Lordships Observations and Reflections upon the EARL of *Castle-Haven's* Memoires, concerning the Rebellion of *Ireland*.

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My Lord,

YOUR Graces of the 12*th* of *November*, I received towards the end of that Month, and was not a little ſurprized, after being threatned above a year with your Graces Anſwer to the *Obſervations and Reflections on my Lord* Caſtle-Haven's *Memoires*, which your Grace takes notice you had ſeen above a year before; to find them only moſt Satyrically burleſqued, and my intentions in the Writing of them moſt unnaturally miſinterpreted and misjudged, without giving inſtance of any one particular, which could ſo much tranſport your Grace, or intereſt you to judge of a Letter of mine to another, with ſo invective heat and miſtake.

Your Graces Letter therefore conſiſting only of Generals, I can no otherwiſe adapt my Anſwer, (after a moſt ſerious reviſion of my Book upon this Occaſion) but by

giving the reverſe of your Graces ſtrain'd and erronious Affirmatives by my plain and true Negatives, till your Grace ſhall adminiſter occaſion, by Communicating the particular Animadverſions your Grace hath been (as I hear) ſo long about.

The Reaſons leading your Grace to believe it impoſſible I could be the Author of that Diſcourſe, I cannot admit, though they import a fair Opinion of me; and that in the beginning of your Letter your Grace had better thoughts than when your Hand was in and heated.

I do therefore abſolutely deny that I affirm any Matters of Fact poſitively in that Book, which are eaſily or authentically (or at all) to be diſproved.

Or that from thoſe Matters of Fact, groſly miſtaken, it deduces Conſequences, raiſes Inferences, and ſcatters Glances injurious to the memory of the Dead, and the Honour of ſome living; among which your Grace finds your ſelf worſt treated.

This being ſo, your Graces unjuſt Inferences from the time of its Writing, and the misjudging the deſign of the Author, give no countenance or occaſion to your Graces Rhetorical Character of the Times, though I joyn in all, but the Opinion your Grace ſeems to have taken up that there is a Plot, (other than that of the Papiſts) to deſtroy the Crown and Church; a Diſcovery worthy the making, if your Grace knows, and believes what you Write; but how I am concerned to have it mentioned to me, I know not, your Grace can beſt tell what you intend to inſinuate thereby.

Theſe are your Graces Reaſons why you were not willing to believe that Book to be of my Compoſing, yet you cannot leave me without a ſting, in your expreſſing the hopes which ſucceeded them, *viz.* That ſome of the Suborned Libellers of the Age had endeavoured to imitate me, and not I them.

Whether I ſhould imitate Suborned Libellers, or they me, would be all one for my Reputation; becauſe I were groſly Criminal in the firſt, and muſt have been ſo be-

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fore in your Graces Opinion, or they could not imitate me in the ſecond : Your Grace will want Inſtances in both, except this of your own making; and therefore there muſt be ſome other reaſon why your Grace did not believe (if really you did not) that Diſcourſe to be of my compoſure.

But this admitted for truth (as it is undoubtedly) your Grace in the next place calls the World to judge whether Pen, Ink, and Paper, are not dangerous Tools in my Hands.

I remember the Times, when they were ſerviceable to the Kings Reſtoration, and conſtant Service of the Crown, or craved in aid by your Grace, that you did not account them ſo; and it is much to my ſafety that they are not ſo in your Graces Hands, though I find them as ſharp there as in any mans alive.

Your Grace being at length aſſured I was the Author, your next care was to ſpend ſome thoughts to vindicate Truth, the late King, your ſelf, your Actions, and Family, all reflected upon, and traduced (as your Grace is pleaſed to fancy) by that Pamphlet.

But your Grace had no cauſe to trouble your thoughts with ſuch Vindications, unleſs you could ſhew where in that Book they are reflected upon and traduced, no ſuch thing occurring to me (upon the ſtricteſt reviſal) nor ever ſhall be objected to me with Juſtice and Truth.

After your Grace hath brought it to the *Coffee-Houſes*, (where I believe it never was till your Grace prefered it to that Office) and where you have doomed it to expire, as Writings of that Nature and force uſe (you ſay) to do (for which I ſhall not be at all concerned) you reſted without troubling your ſelf or any body elſe with Animadverſions upon my miſtakes, which your Grace is pleaſed to ſay are ſo many and ſo obvious (though you name none, nor do they occur to others) that you wonder how I could fall into them.

If your Grace believe your ſelf in this, you ſeem to have forgot the long time you ſpent in conſidering and animadverting upon that deſpicable Pamphlet, with your

Labours whereon I was threatned by ſome of your Graces Relations for many Months; and your Grace hath redeemed the delay, by the virulent general Reflections you have now ſent me, which yet I doubt not will evaporate or ſhrink to nothing, when your Grace ſhall ſeek for Inſtances to back them, whereof if you can find any, I claim in Juſtice they may be ſent me.

Your Grace adds, That you have been in expectation that by this time my compleat Hiſtory would have come forth; wherein (if you may judge by the pattern) your Grace ſaith, you have juſt cauſe to ſuſpect, that neither the Subject nor your ſelf will be more juſtly dealt with than in that occaſional Eſſay; and therefore offer me all the helps of Authentick Commiſſions, Tranſactions and Papers your Grace is poſſeſſed of, whereof you inform me none hath more.

This is an anticipating Jealouſie, which no man living can have ground for; and when my Hiſtory ſhall be compleated (which is now delayed for thoſe Aſſiſtances your Grace is ſo well able, and ſo freely offers to afford me) though my weakneſs may be expoſed, my Integrity and Impartiality ſhall appear, and your unjuſt ſuſpicion will, I doubt not, ceaſe, if Truth may be welcome to you, and not accounted one of the dangerous Inſtruments in my Hand; by which having incurred your Anger and Enmity in the firſt Eſſay, I have ſlender hopes to be more acceptable in the ſecond; though I reſolve to hold to the firſt approved Law of a good and faithful Hiſtorian, which is, That he ſhould not dare to ſay any thing that is falſe; and that he dare not but ſay any thing that is true, that there be not ſo much as ſuſpicion of favour or hatred in his Writing.

And this might give a *Superſedeas* to your Graces unſeaſonable Appeal, before a *Gravamen*; though I never intended, by relating the truth of things paſt, to become a Judge of your Graces or any other mans actions, but barely *Res geſtas Narrare*, for the information, correction, and inſtruction of this Age and Poſterity.

Your Grace deſiring to know to what particular parts of my

my Hiſtory I would have Information, I ſhall at preſent only mention theſe.

The Intrigues of the Ceſſation, and Commiſſions for them and the two Peaces of 1646. and 1648. forced upon the King by the Rebellious *Iriſh*.

The grounds and tranſactions about depriving Sir *William Parſons* from being one of the Lords Juſtices, and then diſmiſſing him, Sir *Adam Loftus* Vice-Treaſurer, Sir *John Temple* Maſter of the *Rolls*, Sir *Robert Meredith* Chancellor of the *Exchequer*, *&c.* from the Council-Table.

The Myſtery of *Glamorgan*'s Peace, and his Puniſhment.

The ſeveral ungrateful Expulſions of your Grace by the Confederate *Roman Catholicks*.

The paſſages concerning the Parliaments Preſent of a Jewel to your Grace.

The Battles, Reliefs, Seiges, and Chief Encounters in your Graces time.

The Proceedings between your Grace and the *Roman Catholick* Aſſembly of the Clergy in 1666. with the Commiſſion for their Sitting.

The Plot for ſurprizing the Caſtle of *Dublin*, in which *Warren* and others were, with the Examinations, and what Offenders were Executed, *&c.*

And any thing elſe your Grace judgeth of import to have conveyed to Poſterity.

Other parts of the Hiſtory ſhall be propoſed to your Grace in my Progreſs, and before I put my laſt Hand to it, with a reſolution, that though I may have been ſometimes miſtaken in Judgment: yet as I never did promote the report of a Matter of Fact which I knew to be falſe, ſo I never would.

Which I am induced the rather to mention, becauſe your Grace ſaith, you had rather help to prevent, than to detect Errors.

My Lord,

Your Graces moſt

humble Servant

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